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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF THE CHANCELLOR RE POLISH-GERMAN
AGREEMENT

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION ON JAN. 16, THE CHANCELLOR BRIEFLY RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE POLISH-GERMAN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED LAST AUTUMN. AFTER NOTING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE DEBATE IN THE FRG ON THE SUBJECT HAD CONTRIBUTED, HE SAID HE WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD PUBLICLY FOR THE AGREEMENT WHEN A SUITABLE OCCASION AROSE. HE ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THIS AS A REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE POLISH-GERMAN AGREEMENT HAS RUN INTO CDU/CSU OPPOSITION IN THE BUNDESTAG WITH THE QUESTION OF FINAL BUNDESRAT ACTION STILL DOUBTFUL. THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOWER SAXONY LANDTAG MAY FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SITUATION IN THE BUNDESRAT. THE CHANCELLOR IS LOOKING FOR HELP WHEREVER HE CAN GET IT. WHILE I SHOULD THINK WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID BEING DRAGGED INTO THE INTERNAL DEBATE HERE, THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME GENERAL STATEMENT (IF AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES) ENDORSING FRG RAPPROCHEMENT WITH POLAND AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF

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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND ITS EASTERN NEIGHBORS.

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